

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE



In re Patent Application of

Kazuyoshi Noguchi et al.

Application No.: 10/630,699

Filing Date: July 31, 2003

Title: IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS AND IMAGE FORMING METHOD

Group Art Unit: 2854

Examiner: WASSEEM H. HAMDAN

Confirmation No.: 1613

AMENDMENT/REPLY TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

Enclosed is a reply for the above-identified patent application.

A Petition for Extension of Time is also enclosed.
 Terminal Disclaimer(s) and the \$65.00 (2814) \$130.00 (1814) fee per Disclaimer due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.20(d) are also enclosed.
 Also enclosed is/are _____

Small entity status is hereby claimed.
 Applicant(s) requests continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and enclose the \$395.00 (2801) \$790.00 (1801) fee due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e).
 Applicant(s) requests that any previously unentered after final amendments not be entered. Continued examination is requested based on the enclosed documents identified above.
 Applicant(s) previously submitted _____

on _____, for which continued examination is requested.

Applicant(s) requests suspension of action by the Office until at least _____, which does not exceed three months from the filing of this RCE, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c). The required fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) is enclosed.
 A Request for Entry and Consideration of Submission under 37 C.F.R. § 1.129(a) (1809/2809) is also enclosed.

No additional claim fee is required.
 An additional claim fee is required, and is calculated as shown below.

AMENDED CLAIMS					
	No. of Claims	Highest No. of Claims Previously Paid For	Extra Claims	Rate	Additional Fee
Total Claims	11	MINUS 20 =	0	x \$50.00 (1202) =	\$ 0.00
Independent Claims	3	MINUS 3 =	0	x \$200.00 (1201) =	\$ 0.00
If Amendment adds multiple dependent claims, add \$360.00 (1203)					
Total Claim Amendment Fee					
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TOTAL ADDITIONAL CLAIM FEE DUE FOR THIS AMENDMENT					
\$ 0.00					

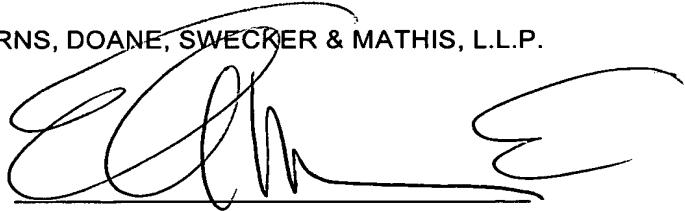
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 Charge _____ to credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17, 1.20(d) and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate.

Respectfully submitted,

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RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES

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Date: July 12, 2005

Sir:

This election is filed in response to the Office Action dated June 13, 2005 (Paper No. 20050608). In the Office Action, the Examiner identified two distinct species. The Examiner required the Applicants, under 35 U.S.C. §121, to elect a single species for prosecution. The two species identified by the Examiner are:

- A) Figures 5-7; and
- B) Figures 10-12.

Pursuant to the Examiner's requirement, the Applicants elect Species A of Figs. 5-7 claimed in claims 1-7. It is understood that claims 8-11 will be withdrawn from prosecution. Applicants reserve the right to file divisional applications.

An earlier examination and favorable action on claims 1-7 are respectfully requested.

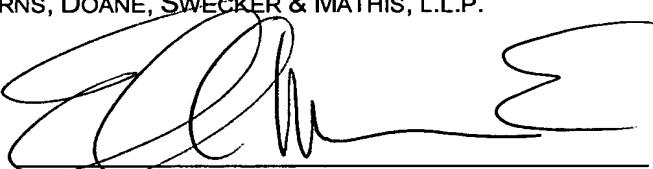
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In the event this paper is not considered to be timely filed, Applicants hereby petition for an appropriate extension of time. The Commissioner is authorized to charge payment for any additional fees which may be required with respect to this paper to our Deposit Account No. 02-4800.

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